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The MUSIC MYSTERY

by Arthur Morrison

Reuben Haker, an American visiting London, secures a bit of manuscript music

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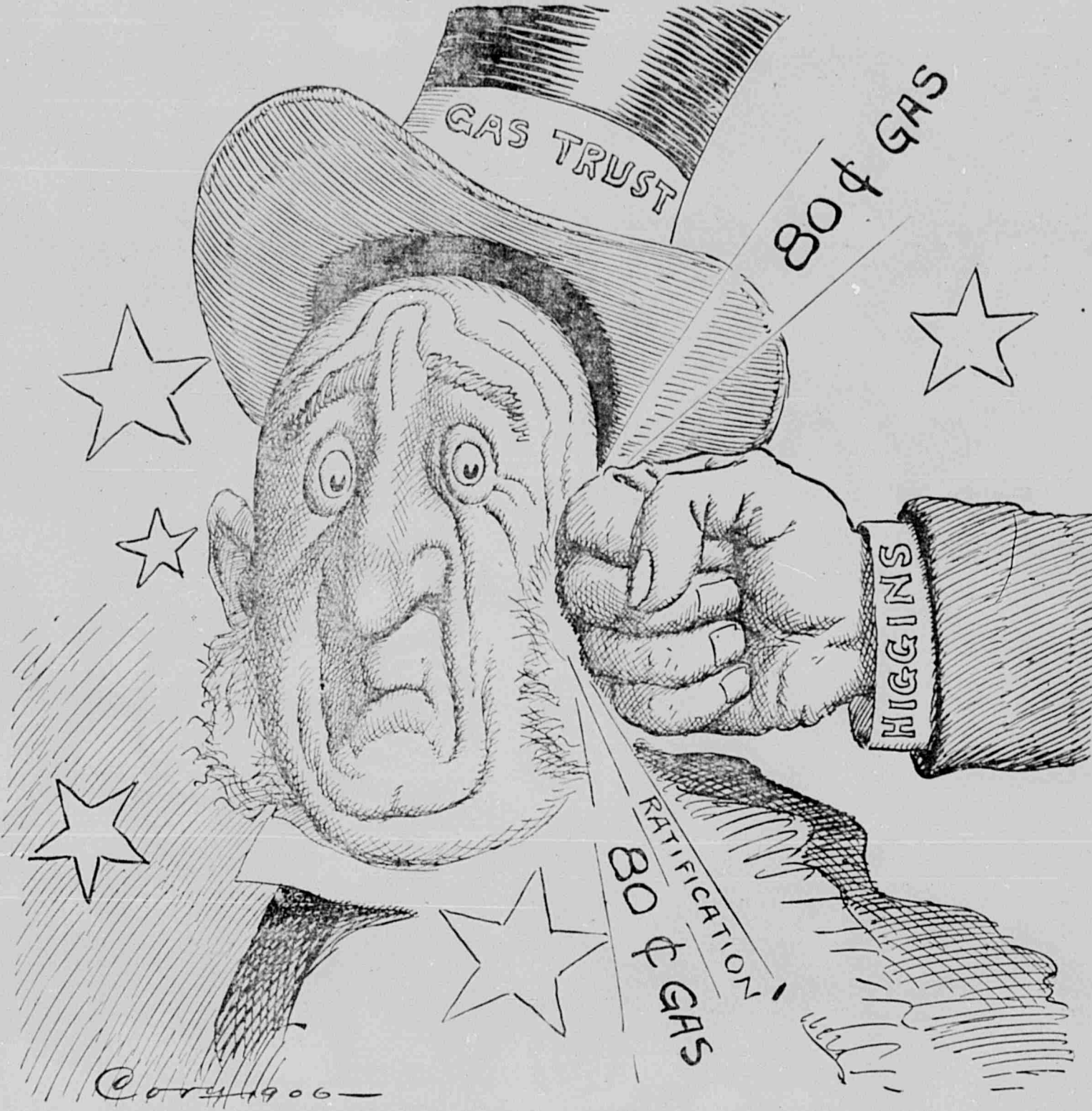
"It's the bottom of a brace, of course," the inspector said, and we tramped down the chimney. The last way down was from the starboard Hewitt frame, a cupboard door, which included a receptacle for coal. "They still keep the coal here, you see," he said, striking a match and passing it to and fro near the sloping roof of the cupboard.

saw in Hewitt's hand a piece of written material notation.

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By J. Campbell Cory.



LETTERS from the PEOPLE
ANSWERS to QUESTIONS

with privilege of renewal.

"The Crime of the Last

House," another stirring Martin Hewitt adventure, will begin in to-morrow's Evening World.

THIS is one of the strangest-looking edifices on earth and is regarded with awe and admiration by many million people. It is the "Dharmic Tope" at Benares, the sacred city of the Ganges. The Tope or tower is 120 feet high and marks the legendary spot where Buddha first taught. The building is of incredibly great age and is of stone and masonry. The upper half of it is covered with verdure, and from the left side of the summit, more than 100 feet above ground, a large tree spreads its green branches, its roots being firmly (some claim miraculous!) imbedded in the earth-filled interstices of the stonework. The accompanying photograph is reproduced from the Illustrated London News.


The swiftest bird is either the vulture, which is said to be able to travel at the rate of 150 miles an hour, or the English kestrel, which can probably equal if not exceed this speed.

If two kernels were added to each ear of corn grown in Missouri last year \$200,000 would be added to the value of the Missouri corn crop. This statement was made recently by George R. Ellis, Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture.

The Czar's eldest daughter has one of the finest collections of penny toys in the world, which have been sent to her from Paris, London and Berlin.

The twenty-third annual carnival at Nice, which recently ended, was the most gorgeous on record. Oddest of its many queer features was the "King Carnival" group, here reproduced. It was turned to European

duced from the London Sphere. The mocking face of the "King," flanked by gigantic figures of clowns, appears above a mammoth eagle and is framed in a bristling halo of incandescent lights, 800 electric globes illuminating the face alone. The idea of the group's size may be gained by comparing it with the human figures on the ground beneath.




Mme. Isabelle Massieu, an explorer, who has just re-

turned from a journey in Annam, in Indo China, says she has met the most accomplished illars in the world. One chief told her that he had seen an English vessel so large that his father, who was a young man when he started to walk down the deck, had white hair before he reached the mainmast. Thereupon another chief remarked that there were trees in France so tall that a bird took ten days to reach the top.

Sir Robert Ball, who has been lecturing on the glacial epoch, informed his hearers recently that the next ice age is due 200,000 ~~years~~ hence. Then, he says, all Northern Europe and America will be once more under an ice cap that will cover the highest mountains and last for many thousands of years.

During the past twenty years 2,061 balloon and airship ascents have taken place in Germany and only thirty-six cases of accident have befallen the 7,670 persons taking part in them. Consequently one trip in fifty-seven comes to grief, or one aeronaut in 210 meets with an accident.

Jaded "diners-out" in Europe have hit on a novelty known as the "gondoller dinner." A Venetian firm supplies wide



gondolas, in whose centre a dining table is set up and equipped. A canopy hangs over this and the remainder of the gondola is draped in bright-colored

hangings. A little band of musicians are in the stern near the gondolier. The guests take their seats, the band

strikes up and the odd craft floats out upon the Grand Canal, where dinner is enjoyed under the bluest of Italian

skies and amid surroundings un-
 paraded for novelty and charm. The
 picture is reproduced from a photo-
 graph in the Illustrated London News.

Great quantities of cartridges were
wasted by Russian soldiers in the re-

cent war. A single regiment at Mao-
yang used 1,200,000 cartridges, an average of 640 for each man, or about 50

Jerome's Vacation.
By Charles R. Barnes.

VACATION time, vacation time! It's not so far away!
We see it drawing closer with the dawn of each new day.
And some of us are wondering if our William T. Jerome
Will do a little visiting or stay right here at home.
Now some of us are certain that he ought to have a chance
To visit the McCurdys, at their cozy home in France;
That family should be grateful for the friendliness that fell—
The slumber that delights them with a cheering snore "All's well."
Or plunge he'll be invited to go cruising on a yacht,
Belonging to a traction kid he's cunningly forgot—
Or overlooked, that's better—while he grilled a huddles "groat."
And vainly tried to ram it down a sad, wise public's throat.
Vacation time, vacation time! It's not so far away,
And lots and lots of people have a social(?) debt to pay;
They have enough of ready cash amassed by thrift—and crime
To give this handy man, Jerome, a good old summer time.

BINKS. THE BELLBOY.

By Mark Madigan.

THE man with the ingrowing
grouch never makes me mad,"
said Pinkie the Bellboy, this
a 'rubber' to see what was going on. I
finds he is selling his dress suit to a
second-hand clothes man.

"He said they were extravagant and made a man foolish. It made an awful hit with me when I heard that a fellow had sold him a gold brick in the

continued Binks, "he never me mad. He only has my sympathy. He that old fellow on

Now, there's that old fellow on the third floor who has his room the round. I don't think he was ever in his life. He started out with

"He gets his board by the week and he eats so much to get even with the

understand that when he got married his wife cut out the party, she would make him tired house that he can't walk upstairs after meals and always kicks because the elevator boy won't haul him up all by

he said people in the main crowd themselves, and he has to listen to the foolish talk of people,' as he says, while ridin' up in the car with them.

part of it that she had contracted. He says he makes so much money he's afraid to go out nights for fear of catching him and his wife.

"The other day he handed me a dollar and I thought he must have gone for his tin, but he said I understand

used to get invited to dinners
he was rich, and he was always

to do it. Now then, here's the money, and don't be so foolish again. It's that kind of extravagance that spoils good

to a place down on Sixth avenue, they got a whole lot of second-hand and a bottle of red ink for

s a head, and then he'd tell the he had invited that overeating illing more people than run.

"The map with a grouch sure has my sympathy," continued Blinks, "an' as for me I'm glad it isn't catchin'!"

to his room and when I took him to the gym he said I should